

Business and Property Committee

Date: **Tuesday 3 July 2018**

Time: **10am**

Venue: **Edwards Room, County Hall, Norwich**

SUPPLEMENTARY A g e n d a

4 Item of Urgent Business

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The Chairman has indicated that he intends to take the report on "Dedication of a site in Brisley for the Centenary Fields programme" under "items of urgent Business"

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Business & Property Committee

Item No.....

Report title:	Dedication of a site in Brisley for the Centenary Fields programme
Date of meeting:	03 July 2018
Responsible Chief Officer:	Director of Finance and Commercial Services
Strategic impact This proposal secures a recreation space in perpetuity to honour the memory of the millions who lost their lives in World War I.	

Executive summary

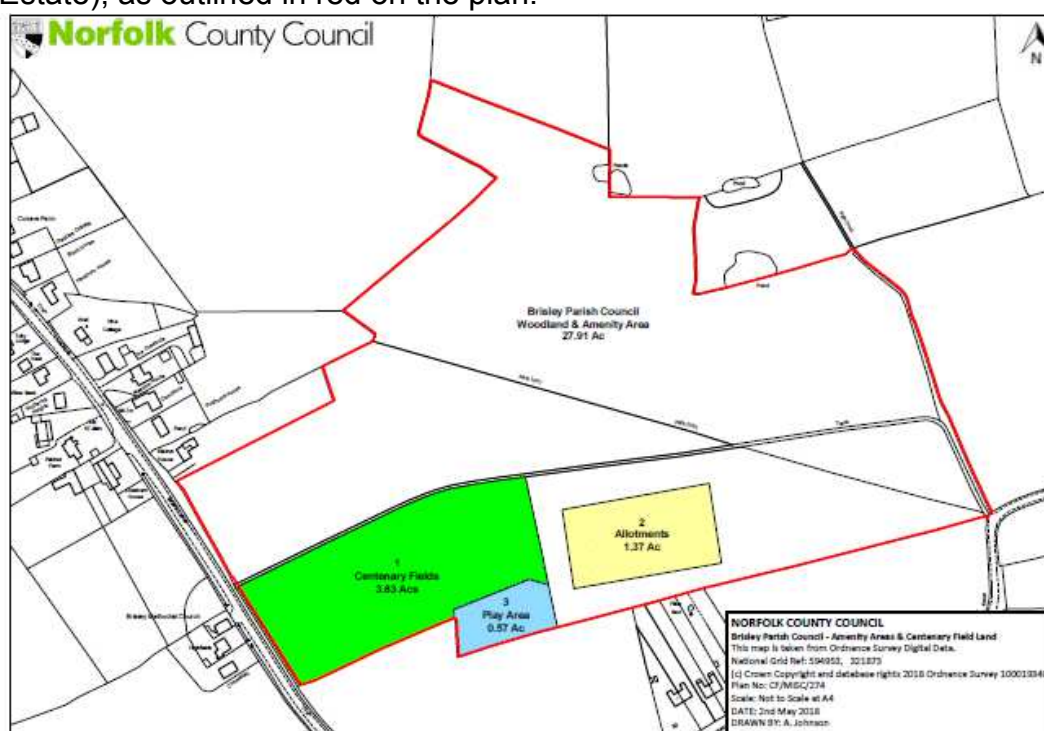
Brisley Parish Council have approached the County Council to ask if they would support the dedication of part of a site they rent from the County Council to become a Centenary Field to commemorate World War 1.

Recommendations:

Business and Property committee are asked to agree to part of field 21 on the Brisley County Farms estate being dedicated as a Centenary Field.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Since 1919 Brisley Parish Council have rented from Norfolk County Council 27.91 acres that is part of the County Farms Estate (field 21 of the Brisley Estate), as outlined in red on the plan.



- 1.2 The primary purpose of this letting was for allotments but only a very small area of the site is set aside for that purpose now. Most of the remaining site was planted in 2014 as amenity woodland. The site is managed as a community site

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 Brisley Parish Council would like to dedicate part of the site, amounting to 3.83 acres, as a Centenary Field (area shaded green) as part of the Centenary Fields Programme. In **appendix 1** is a letter sent out in 2016 to parish councils and communities announcing the Centenary Fields programme and information on how to apply.
- 2.2 The area nominated for dedication is currently grassland.
- 2.3 As Brisley Parish Council have been occupying the site since 1919 this is likely to be considered a sufficient term to provide a Deed of Dedication to be signed between Brisley Parish Council and the National Playing Fields Association directly.

3.0 Centenary Fields Programme

- 3.1 This year is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. The Royal British Legion and Fields in Trust operate the Centenary Fields Programme which has the objective of securing recreational spaces in perpetuity to honour the memory of the millions who lost their lives in World War I.
- 3.2 The Royal British Legion is the largest Armed Forces charity and the Custodian of Remembrance leading the nation in respecting the sacrifices made during World War 1. Fields in Trust is the operating name for the Playing Fields Association, a charity with the objective of securing and improving playing fields.
- 3.3 This dedication is aligned with the spirit of the Armed Forces Community Covenant. and will be recognised by the local community as a clear commitment to the importance of these spaces now and in the future.

4.0 Land

- 4.1 The County Farms team have reviewed this site and conclude it is not considered that there is any development potential on the site.
- 4.2 Should the Council wish to dispose of the site there are provisions in the deed of dedication covering new ownership and for replacement sites should there ever be a need to relocate the Centenary Field.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Business & Property committee are asked to agree to part of field 21 on the Brisley County Farms estate being dedicated as a Centenary Field.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications in supporting the dedication.

7.0 Legal

- 7.1 The Deed of Dedication will be entered onto the Land Registry Title as a legal restriction.

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Appendix 1



Commemorating World War I 2014-2018

The Chairman
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Dear Chairman,

The Centenary Fields Programme – protecting valuable green space across the Country

As we approach the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme this July we at The Royal British Legion and Fields in Trust are pleased to introduce the Centenary Fields programme to your Council.

The objective of this nationwide programme is to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity, in honour of the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in the conflict. We are now inviting Town and Parish Councils to nominate a recreational space to be dedicated as a Centenary Field to commemorate this significant milestone in our shared history and to create a tangible living legacy that will be valued by your local community for generations to come.

As the UK's largest Armed Forces charity and the Custodian of Remembrance, The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in respecting the sacrifices made during World War I.

Fields in Trust – the operating name of the National Playing Fields Association – has been the leading independent charity campaigning to secure and improve playing fields for 90 years with the long standing support of the Royal Family.

Both organisations are therefore pleased to be working together to deliver the Centenary Fields programme, which aims to protect the war memorial parks and playing fields given in memory of those who lost their lives, or other green spaces that have an existing or planned link to World War One. We are both delighted that HRH The Duke of Cambridge is supporting this campaign.

To join us in the Centenary Fields programme please complete the enclosed application form, and return it to us at our freepost address, or scan it and email it to centenaryfields@fieldsintrust.org.

Alternatively, please contact the Fields in Trust Development Manager for your area: (David Sharman on 020 7427 2123, or at david.sharman@fieldsintrust.org) if you have any questions.

Once an appropriate site has been agreed, your council will be required to complete a Deed of Dedication to protect the green space(s) in perpetuity. Please note that this does not require any change to the ownership and management of the site which remains entirely at local level.



The Centenary Fields programme will safeguard in perpetuity our war memorial parks, playing fields and other green spaces in memory of those who lost their lives in World War I.

Working with local authorities and landowners, this project will deliver a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made then by local people, while also protecting our green spaces for the future.

Please support Fields in Trust and The Royal British Legion to commemorate this important landmark in our history and help remembrance to live on through Centenary Fields.

HRH The Duke of Cambridge
President, Fields in Trust

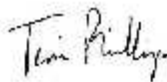
Each Centenary Field will be provided with signage indicating its designated status, enabling a local event to be arranged to mark the site's dedication as part of your Centenary commemorations.

In addition, Fields in Trust will be working to raise charitable funds to provide occasional improvement grants to sites protected as part of the Centenary Fields programme.

During these difficult economic times we believe that this programme has the dual merits of being inexpensive to implement whilst also appropriately recognising the enormous sacrifice made by earlier generations for us all.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will join us in commemorating World War I through the Centenary Fields programme.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Phillips CBE
Chairman
Fields in Trust



Dr Chris Simpkins
Director General
The Royal British Legion

